

Mar 29, 1973

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached pertains to disappearance of one Sherman Skolnick and his chauffeur from Chicago. Associate of Skolnick, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is making statements to press in Chicago that Skolnick and [REDACTED] kidnaped by Federal authorities. According to [REDACTED] Skolnick and [REDACTED] left home for appointment with unknown subjects to turn over secret data linking former Attorney General John Mitchell with Watergate scandal. Chicago Police Department Intelligence and Missing Persons Section conducting investigation to prove hoax exists or foul play occurred. No evidence re abduction.

Previously on 3/13/73, our Washington Field Office received call from person identifying himself only as [REDACTED] relating the United Air Lines plane that recently crashed in Chicago killing among others, the wife of E. Howard Hunt, Watergate figure, was result of a bomb. [REDACTED] stated Sherman Skolnick had considerable details regarding that crash.

Our Chicago Office advises Sherman Skolnick a self-described legal researcher and chairman of Committee to Clean Up Courts, has been making wild allegations for a number of years on current events in Chicago area, and recently filed 3-page complaint of allegations in Cook County Court concerning his being denied right to testify in plane crash hearing. Allegations are in complete disagreement with facts of crash investigation. In view of absence of facts to substantiate kidnaping and previous wild allegations by Skolnick and his Committee, our Chicago Office conducting no active investigation, but following matter closely with local authorities. Bureau indices being searched for further information on Skolnick.

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FROM CHICAGO (79-NEW)

SHERMAN SKOLNICK; [REDACTED]

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REMYTEL 3/27/73, ENTITLED, "UNSUB, AKA (FNU) [REDACTED] DAMN-  
Destruction of Aircraft or Motor Vehicles  
POSSIBLE FALSE REPORT".

RE TEL SET FORTH INFORMATION CONCERNING MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE

OF SHERMAN SKOLNICK. CHICAGO DIVISION CONTINUING TO FOLLOW MATTER  
Police Department  
CLOSELY WITH PD, WHO ARE CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE

SKOLNICK AND [REDACTED] SKOLNICK DESCRIBED  
WHITE MALE, BORN 7/13/30, 5'5, 175 POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, CONFINED  
TO WHEELCHAIR, WEARING BROWN JACKET AND BLUE TROUSERS. [REDACTED]

DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED]

AND MAKING STATEMENTS TO

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PRESS THAT SKOLNICK AND [REDACTED] KIDNAPED BY FEDERAL AUTHORITIES.

[REDACTED] STATES SKOLNICK AND [REDACTED] LEFT HOME 8:15 A.M., 3/26/73, IN SKOLNICK'S 1973 RED FORD PINTO STATIONWAGON, BEARING LICENSE APPLIED FOR STICKER, FOR APPOINTMENT WITH UNSUBS WHO WERE TO TURN OVER SECRET DATA LINKING FORMER <sup>Attorney General</sup> AG JOHN MITCHELL WITH WATERGATE SCANDAL. SUBJECT AND DRIVER FAILED TO RETURN HOME WITHIN HOUR AS PLANNED. PD INTELLIGENCE AND MISSING PERSONS SECTION CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO PROVE HOAX EXISTS OR WHETHER FOUL PLAY OCCURRED. NO EVIDENCE RE ABDUCTION TO DATE. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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# Sabotage in jet crash: Skolnick

By Thomas Buck

**CHARGES OF murder, sabotage, and robbery** were among the accusations made yesterday at a National Transportation Safety Board hearing on the jet crash near Midway Airport last Dec. 8 in which 45 persons were killed.

No documentation was produced to substantiate the charges made by Sherman Skolnick, a self-styled legal researcher. Skolnick charged the plane was sabotaged because, he said, 12 of its passengers had links to the Watergate scandal.

One of those on board was the wife of E. Howard Hunt, a convicted participant in the Watergate burglary. Skolnick said she carried documents that could have led to the impeachment of President Nixon.

**OFFICIALS OF United Air Lines** asked the board to hear Skolnick's version of the disaster because he has said frequently that the airline was among the forces that have kept him from offering his explanation of the crash to the agency.

Skolnick, a frequent visitor in Chicago courtrooms, filed the Federal District Court suit that led to the redrawing of Illinois' congressional districts. Information he provided about transfers of bank stock resulted in the resignations of two Illinois Supreme Court justices.

He was reported missing in March by one of his assistants, who told newsmen federal agents might have arrested Skolnick to keep him from continuing his investigation of the Watergate affair.

He showed up three days later in Windsor, Ont. He said at a press conference there that he had been fleeing federal agents who were bent on destroying his evidence linking the Watergate scandal to the plane crash.

and assumptions together loosely. Skolnick in two hours of testimony accused the Federal Bureau of Investigation, traffic controllers at Midway Airport, the Columbia Broadcasting System, United Air Lines, and the safety board itself of working together to conceal a cold-blooded plot.

As part of the plot, Skolnick said, President Nixon placed a "hit man" aboard the plane to make certain that Mrs. Hunt died. The man, in turn, was to have died in the disaster.

**MRS. HUNT WAS** carrying \$2 million in traveler's checks and money orders, Skolnick claimed, and \$50,000 in currency. Investigators found \$10,000 in her belongings after the crash.

**SKOLNICK SAID** the \$2 million was stolen from the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

There were snickers in the audience as Skolnick linked the crash not only to the Watergate affair, but also to a pipeline lobby, investment scandals in Switzerland, legislative acts in Costa Rica, and underworld dealings in stolen currency.

The hearing was held in the Sheraton-O'Hare-Motor Hotel, 6810 N. Mannheim Rd., Rosemont.

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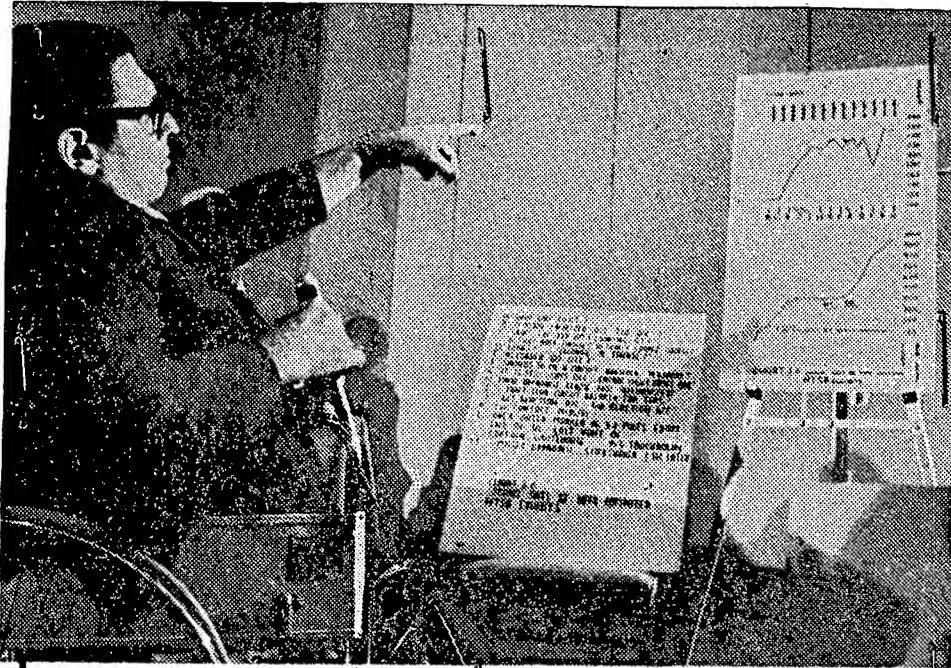
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**Sherman Skolnick testifying before National Transportation Safety Board on the crash of United jet at Midway Airport.**

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